

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANICE MIRIKITANI

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Bay Area Representatives BARBARA LEE and JACKIE SPEIER, to pay tribute to the late Janice Mirikitani: a gifted poet and a beacon of resilience for so many in America. Janice was a force for social justice, who overcame great adversity to empower and inspire so many in the Bay Area and beyond through her beautiful art and her leadership of the Glide Foundation. Her passing is a great loss to San Francisco and to our nation.

Janice's poetry turned personal pain into purpose. Indeed, she experienced a childhood marked by hardship: undergoing the national shame of internment as a young girl and then years of trauma as a young woman. Janice faced these challenges directly in her intimate and powerful poems. Her extraordinary courage and tenacity shine through in her writings on the horrors of war, the scourge of sexual abuse and the stain of institutional racism, moving and inspiring all who read them. And as co-founder and editor of the first Asian American literary magazine, *Aion*, she lifted up more voices like hers: women, people of color and underserved communities, who have too often been silenced.

Janice was deeply committed to her faith and to our Bay Area community. Alongside her beloved husband Reverend Cecil Williams, who was her partner not only in marriage but in service, she helped launch and lead the Glide Foundation. This faith-based social justice mission helped transform the lives of countless families in need, by providing essential health, nutrition and housing services. That the Foundation today, decades after its founding, embodies more strongly than ever Janice's powerful vision of "a radically inclusive, just and loving community" is a testament to her enduring legacy.

In a note sent to the Glide community announcing her passing, the Foundation's President and CEO wrote: "She spoke her truth and inspired others to accept and celebrate themselves, each other, and all our differences." Indeed, Janice's leadership reflected the best of San Francisco: the vibrancy of our city, the pride in our diversity and the strength of our community.

Janice Mirikitani was a proud Californian: born in Stockton, educated at the University of California, Los Angeles and San Francisco State University, working in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood for many years and calling the Bay Area home for nearly her entire life.

For her creativity and brilliance, Janice received the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Ebbie Award, an American Book Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature, and a Governor and First Lady's

Conference on Women and Families Minerva Award. She also earned the privilege of serving as the second poet laureate of San Francisco.

May it be a comfort to her dear husband Cecil, her loving daughter Tianne and all their loved ones that so many San Franciscans—and Americans across the nation—join them in prayer during this sad time, and that the beauty, wisdom and courage of her art will endure for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING THE Y QUAD CITIES ROW TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR 7TH STRAIGHT TITLE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Y Quad Cities Row team for winning their 7th straight title at the national level.

The Y Quad Cities Row team consisting of Ava Satterfield, Olivia Meskan, Ella Saunders and Elizabeth Tessen finished first in the girl's quadruple sculls, winning their 7th consecutive national title. Their historic reign began in 2014 but suddenly came to a halt as the pandemic hit Illinois. The Y Quad Cities Row team is the first team ever in the history of the event to place 1st and 2nd. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment it takes to pull off such an amazing feat. I am proud there is such young talent in our district, and happy to see them represent the Quad Cities so well throughout the state and country.

It is because of student leaders such as Ava, Olivia, Ella, and Elizabeth that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize them for winning their 7th consecutive national title in rowing.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EMBRA JACKSON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Embra Jackson, a member of the Montford Point Marines. Mr. Jackson fought bravely alongside twenty thousand African American men who joined the armed forces during World War II. Embra and countless other African American men served their country overseas while the fight for civil rights continued at home.

Embra completed basic training at Montford Point Camp, North Carolina, which remained segregated. He fought for the United States in

the Pacific, and many of his fellow Marines continued their service through the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

The Montford Point veterans made an invaluable impact on the rich history of the Marine Corps. Their efforts at home and abroad aided President Truman in his 1948 decision to desegregate the military. After 64 years, the 112th Congress awarded the Montford Point Marines the Congressional Gold Medal for patriotism and distinguished achievement.

I am grateful for Embra Jackson's lifetime of service to this great nation and the United States Marine Corps.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WHO PIONEERED SUBMARINE SONAR SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST, VETERAN, PHOTOJOURNALIST, FAMILY PATRIARCH, AND FIRST BLACK ELECTED OFFICIAL IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of this body and the Committee on the Judiciary, as a witness to some of the revolutionary social and political changes in American life and society, and as a legislator dedicated to advancing public policies that improve the quality of life for all Americans and that make equality of opportunity and equal justice for all not just a virtue but a fact of American life, I rise to pay tribute to an unsung hero of the American Experiment, Jesse Frank Berry, who died at his home in Rockville, Maryland on Monday, August 9, 2021, at the age of 88.

In these tumultuous days of crisis and challenge, Members of Congress know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have such exceptional men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, law, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day as they serve the American people in our offices doing amazing work as congressional staff members.

What produces such persons and inspires them to want to do what they do and to do it so well?

Madam Speaker, as Occam's razor posits, the answer is pretty simple and straightforward; they come from all over the nation, and they are produced and nurtured and inspired by their first role-models and heroes: their mothers and fathers.

The life of Jesse Frank Berry, the father of my Chief Counsel, illustrates this perfectly, and I want to share briefly with all Members

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his accomplishments and experiences that provided so much pride and motivation to his four children, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, his siblings, surviving relatives, friends and loved ones, and the thousands of persons he never met.

Jesse Frank Berry was born on September 13, 1932, in Asheville, North Carolina, the first of the five children of Thomas and Eva Berry, descendants of South Carolina slaves and sharecroppers who survived daily indignities and injustices and nightly reigns of terror and violence.

Jesse Berry's family was part of the historic "Great Migration" that saw millions of black Americans migrate from the de jure segregated rural South in search of greater economic opportunity and freedom in the urban North.

The family of Jesse Berry, parents and siblings Dorothy, Doris, Thomas Leon, and Elmira, settled in on the east side of Cleveland, Ohio, in what is today the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, the district that sent Louis Stokes to the House of Representatives as Ohio's first African American congressman.

While Jesse Berry's father provided for the family working as mechanic and handyman and his mother provided a loving home, Jesse took advantage of the opportunity to attend school beyond the elementary grades and excelled in mathematics, mechanical design, and drafting as a student at East Tech High School, the alma mater of another and more famous Jesse, the legendary Olympic champion Jesse Owens, who did as much as anyone to discredit on the world stage Adolf Hitler's false creed of white supremacy and his big lie that Aryans were the master race.

After graduating from high school, Jesse Berry worked at a local factory in Cleveland for several years before being called to serve his country during the Korean War, where he served in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army.

In December 1953, Jesse Berry married Bonnie Agnew and to this union was born four children, sons Jeffrey Thomas, Gregory Alan, Michael Leonard, and daughter Bonnie Eileen, all of whom would later go on to graduate from college and lead productive and constructive lives as lawyers, professors and teachers, serviceman, health counselors, and entertainment industry entrepreneurs.

In 1959, Jesse Berry and his wife Bonnie led what would soon be another great migration, heading west to California where Jesse had been accepted into the prestigious electrical engineering program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, which he was able to finance with the G.I. Bill benefits he earned for his active duty service in the U.S. Army.

He would later earn a master's degree in electronic engineering from California State University at Long Beach.

After graduating from USC in 1962, Jesse Berry began his career as an electronic engineer, designing submarine sonar systems that were vital in securing America's victory in the Cold War, working for several of the country's leading aerospace companies and defense contractors, including Hughes Aircraft, North American Rockwell, General Dynamics, and Honeywell.

But while America was engaged in the Cold War on the international stage, domestically the demand of the Civil Rights Movement for a new social order of equal justice and opportunity for all was raging.

As Bob Dylan put it so memorably in his immortal "The Times They are a-Changin'":

The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is rapidly fadin'
And the first one now
Will later be last
For the times they are a-changin'

Patriotic but ordinary Americans of goodwill, who deeply loved their country but harboring a passion for justice answered the call.

And in that number was Jesse Berry, the electronic engineer and sonar systems expert, who was active in the local Urban League and civil rights groups.

Because of his exceptional organizing and logistical skills, Jesse Berry was elected to serve as President of the NAACP for the Orange County, California chapter, where he spearheaded voting registration drives, educational symposia, awareness events, and consulted with civil rights leaders from across the state and around the country.

In April 1968, violence and destruction swept many areas of the nation following the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, but the city of Santa Ana in Orange County, California, was left unscathed.

That is due in no small measure to the wise counsel and guidance the heartbroken and anguished black residents of the city received from their respected leader, Jesse Berry, who organized a memorial service at the local municipal stadium attended by thousands who comported themselves with dignity out of respect and acceptance of Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence.

The following year Jesse Berry would make history becoming the first African American to win elective office in Orange County, California, securing a seat on the Santa Ana Board of Education.

Throughout his life, Jesse Berry was the person that friends, neighbors, relatives, and persons who only knew him by reputation, went to for wisdom, advice, guidance, encouragement, or assistance.

But despite the pressing demands on his time and for his attention, Jesse Berry always remembered he was a dad to four children, stressing the importance of a good education and instilling in them a love of learning, showing them how to solve story problems and helping them with their homework, teaching them to swim, and to play baseball and not to be judgmental but to treat all persons with respect and dignity.

One of the things that was most dear to Jesse Berry was his love of nature and history; on cross-country trips back to visit relatives, he would often take detours and make side trips so his children could visit and experience the places and events that shape so much of their lives and instill in them a sense of wonder, awe, and appreciation.

So it was not at all unusual for Jesse Berry to regard Gettysburg, Valley Forge, Yosemite's Half Dome or Yellowstone's Ol' Faithful, the Badlands of South Dakota, the Grand Canyon, Death Valley, the Petrified Forest, New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns, Gettysburg, the Missouri Courthouse where the case of Dred Scott was decided, and United States Capitol as on the way from Los Angeles to Cleveland.

And Jesse Berry delighted in photographing these events to chronicle the adventure and relive the good times with his friends and neighbors as they watched the slideshow on his projection screen that he was the first to own.

Madam Speaker, the life of Jesse Frank Berry reflects so much the experiences of the ancestors of millions of persons of color in our great nation.

Jesse Berry lived through 16 presidents, 5 wars, the Great Depression and the Great Recession of 2008, the era of Jim Crow and the Great Society, the transcendent presidencies of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, the first black president, and the election of Kamala Harris, the first woman and person of color elected Vice-President of the United States.

Jesse Berry knew the anger and resentment that comes naturally to one whose family has been refused accommodations at motel or service in a restaurant because of their race.

Jesse Berry knew the pride of wearing the uniform of his country even though at the time he was denied many of the rights he was willing to risk his life to defend.

He knew the sacrifice it took to become the first in his family to graduate from college and the satisfaction that comes with the realization of a longheld goal.

Jesse Berry never lost faith in his country; instead, he worked to do his part to help it live up to the true meaning of its creed that all persons are created equal, and he passed that conviction and determination on to his children and everyone he touched during his remarkable nearly nine decade sojourn—on earth.

Madam Speaker, like so many others stretching all the way back to Saul, Jesse Berry ran the great race, he finished the course, he kept the faith, and he has now gone on to his great reward.

We can all find solace in the words of the philosopher Sophocles who said: One must wait until the evening to know how splendid the day has been.

To Jesse's widow, Mazel Pernell, his siblings, children, relatives, neighbors, friends, and loves ones, but especially to his beloved grandchildren Samantha, Shyeita, Michael, Connor, and Jesse, and his great-grandchildren Alexis, Desmond, and Sydney, I hope it is a comfort to you that so many persons share your grief and are mourning the loss of a truly consequential life well lived.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Jesse Frank Berry, who spent his life in service to his Lord, his family, his friends, communities, and to the nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HERBERT G. JOHNSON, SR., PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Principal Chief, Herbert G. Johnson, Sr., who passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021, at the age of 79. He served honorably as the Tribe's Mikko Choba Skalaaba since January 1, 2020.

Chief Johnson was born on April 3, 1942, on the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Indian Reservation, located just outside of Livingston, Texas. After graduating high school, he enrolled at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, where he demonstrated his skills on the basketball court. In 1963, Mr. Johnson was selected as an All-American after setting the then all-time national record of scoring 67 points in a single game. Last year, Jacksonville College recognized him as a Distinguished Alumnus.

A member of the Beaver Clan, Chief Johnson served his community in various capacities over the years, including being twice elected to the Tribal Council and working as the Tribal Security Director for more than 21 years. On October 5, 2013, he was elected as the Tribe's Second Chief and remained in that position until being installed as Principal Chief following the passing of Chief Clem Sylestine, Mikko Colabe III, in 2019. In addition to his dedicated service to his tribe, Mr. Johnson sat on the Big Sandy ISD School Board for 48 years and was a faithful member of the Indian Presbyterian Church, serving as a devoted deacon and elder for many years.

Madam Speaker, today we remember the life and legacy of Herbert G. Johnson, Sr., and express our deep appreciation for his leadership as a proud member and Principal Chief of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. My heartfelt prayers remain with his family and tribe members during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING ARIEL TORRES FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ariel Torres, whose hard work and dedication led him to earn a bronze medal in the men's karate kata at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Born in Cuba, Ariel's family settled in Hialeah, Florida, when he was only four years old. As a young child, he turned to karate to manage his hyperactivity after being encouraged to do so by his doctor. Ariel's family has been his biggest support system throughout his career and his achievements would not be possible without their unwavering dedication. Like most looking to rebuild their lives, his family had very little when they arrived in the United States, but still encouraged Ariel to pursue his dreams. One instance of this was when Ariel, at age eleven, wanted to attend a tournament in North Carolina but his parents could not afford to send him. Instead of giving up, his parents and Ariel put on an exhibition, where he performed karate moves at an intersection to ask for donations from people driving by. Ariel and his family did this for weeks until they saved up enough money to attend the tournament, where he won both competitions that occurred.

Ariel's family continued to support his dreams and encouraged him throughout his career, shaping him into the dedicated young man that he is today. He is a four-time USA Karate Senior Team Member, a two-time USA Karate National Champion, and now, an Olympian.

pic bronze medalist. When Ariel learned that karate would be included in the 2020 Olympics, he envisioned himself competing at the highest level on that world stage. It was an honor to witness Ariel's performance in Tokyo and see him bring an impressive victory back to Hialeah.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know that such a committed young man resides in South Florida. His life story and perseverance serve as an inspiration for all—that no dream is too big to achieve. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

CONGRATULATING MATTIE KINDELSPERGER FOR WINNING THE IHSA'S CLASS 1A TITLE IN THE 3200-METER RUN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mattie Kindelsperger, a senior at Sherrard High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A state championship in the 3200-meter run.

Mattie beat her qualifying time by twelve seconds to win the state championship with a time of 11:19.93. As a former student athlete, I understand the time that goes into being awarded such a title, and I applaud Mattie's persistence and hard work to archive her goals. I am proud to see her represent Sherrard exceptionally well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Mattie that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mattie Kindelsperger on her state championship, and I join the entire Sherrard community in wishing her every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GARY DEDEAUX

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Gary Dedeaux who passed away August 4, 2021. He was born March 31, 1956 in West Point to Ruth Murray and Dr. Howard Dedeaux.

Gary was known for his humility and compassion. He was a successful entrepreneur in Columbus and West Point. He enjoyed farm work, shooting, and above all flying. Gary was a member of Faith Baptist Church and sought to live in a way that honors Christ.

Left to cherish his memory are Gary's wife Natalie; daughter Gina; son Richard; and grandson Thomas Lane. I join countless others in mourning Gary's loss and offer my most sincere condolences to his loved ones.

IN HONOR OF JOHN WALCZAK'S RETIREMENT AND SERVICE TO LOUISVILLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Walczak, the longtime Director of the Louisville Zoo, as he enters retirement.

John joined the Louisville Zoo in 1985 and assumed the role of Director in 2004, just a few years before I got to Congress. In my first year, I got to take a behind-the-scenes tour with John where I had the good fortune to spend a day interacting and playing with the animals. I felt like a kid all over again, and it's a day I'll never forget.

I also saw firsthand the attention and love that John and his staff brought to every animal in their care. It's a passion that has spread throughout our community and the tens of thousands of Louisville families who have happy memories at the zoo.

The Louisville Zoo has long been an asset to our community, but in John's 35 years there, its place in our hearts has solidified and grown. During his esteemed tenure, John oversaw the construction of several award-winning exhibits, including the Gorilla Forest and Glacier Run, and created renowned educational programs that taught our community about the beauty of the natural world. In the last 17 months when threats to public health seemed impossible to avoid, John and his team quickly adapted, ensuring that the zoo could be a safe place for families to enjoy.

Under John's leadership, the Louisville Zoo has won the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Significant Achievement in Education Award for the School and Zoo program, introducing hundreds of children to the importance of wildlife conservation. He also facilitated the creation of the Little Penguin Conservation Center and the Cub House, the Zoo's first early childhood learning space. After over 35 years of service, John's commitment to his staff, his community, and the animals under his care has helped establish the Louisville Zoo as one of Kentucky's finest cultural institutions.

In short, the Louisville Zoo is an absolute treasure to our community and the region, touching and improving countless lives, and providing a happy home for nature's wonders. John Walczak is a huge reason why, and we are grateful for his service.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the city of Louisville, thank you, Mr. Walczak, for your leadership and service. I wish you the best in your retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF IBRAHIM AL HASBANI AND QAHWAH HOUSE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ibrahim Al Hasbani, the founder of Qahwah House. Qahwah House

was founded in Dearborn, Michigan, in 2018 as the first coffee shop of its kind to serve organic Yemeni coffee to Dearborn and beyond. Qahwah House's status as a Dearborn institution is worthy of commendation.

Qahwah House's mission is to provide customers with an exceptional coffee experience, using high quality premium organic coffee sourced from Ibrahim's family farm in Yemen. Since 2018, the shop has grown exponentially and has expanded its offerings to include authentic Yemeni pastries. The popularity of the coffee shop has pushed Ibrahim to establish two additional locations, one in Canton, Michigan, and another in Brooklyn, New York—with more locations to come. The cafe that started out as just the idea of sharing delicious Yemeni coffee with neighbors has become a gathering spot for the people of Dearborn and beyond.

A household name in Southeast Michigan, Qahwah House has become a place for Michiganders of all ages and cultures. As an establishment that serves up more than just delicious coffee, they serve the local community by raising funds for the education of our youth. Hundreds of children in the Dearborn area and in Ibrahim's home of Yemen have benefited from their generosity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ibrahim Al Hasbani of Qahwah House for being a cultural ambassador of the Yemeni community and for sharing his cultural roots for the world to enjoy.

**HONORING ALY HERNANDEZ FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE FIFTH
DISTRICT**

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary actions and efforts of an individual that improved Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Aly Hernandez. Ms. Hernandez has been an integral part of the Kansas City community and it is with a bittersweet feeling that we say goodbye to her as she ventures into a new opportunity in Washington D.C.

Expressing the magnitude of Ms. Hernandez's contributions to Kansas City, in such a short time since she completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, is an impossible task. From the time that Aly began working in my office as an intern, it was evident that she was someone who was determined and passionate about creating positive change in our city, particularly within our underrepresented communities. Ms. Hernandez rose through the ranks in my office starting as an intern, to fellow, and finally becoming a community affairs liaison-full time staff member. Not only has she left an impact on a federal level, but she also continued her journey in public service by serving the local municipality as the External Affairs Manager for Mayor Quinton Lucas for more than two years. Through these positions, she sought to leverage the voice of others and aided in increasing resources to the Latino community within the Fifth Congressional District.

As a strong advocate for Latinos, Ms. Hernandez took it upon herself to be one of the

founders of a local organization Voz KC (or Voice KC), a new organization focused on advocating and advancing the role the Latino community in politics. Her own experience and journey as an immigrant from Mexico, searching for the American Dream, along with her family, made her see the challenges of being undocumented, underrepresented, making her search for opportunities where she could have an impact. With her advocacy, she has worked to make civic engagement accessible for everyone.

With Aly's work in government in the 5th District of Missouri, we see a noticeable change in civic engagement and participation in our local communities. She is a perfect example of what an exceptional American is and truly captures the fulfillment of the "American Dream". Everyone should hope to aspire to achieve the same qualities that this young woman has. I undoubtedly know that she will continue to do amazing things not only in Washington D.C., but for the rest of our country. Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Aly Hernandez's impact on the people of Kansas City, and congratulating her on a new career opportunity in Washington D.C.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
SAMUEL LARRY RICHEY**

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Samuel Larry Richey who passed away Saturday, July 17 at NMMC Nursing Home in Pontotoc. He was a dedicated basketball coach, husband, and father. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Mr. Richey did not expect or plan on becoming a boys basketball coach. He was hired as a teacher at Jumpertown and was hired as the assistant coach in 1967. He coached in Wheeler, Baldwin and Mantachie over the course of his career. He brought seventeen boys teams to the Mississippi State Tournament and won six. His team was once ranked 29th all-time in the National Federation of Schools record book. He was named "Coach of the Year" in multiple publications and by the time of his retirement, he was the winningest coach in Mississippi history.

Mr. Richey holds a bachelor's degree in business from Mississippi State University and served in the United States Armed Forces from 1958–1960. He was a member of Asbury Methodist church and enjoyed raising cattle, playing golf, and watching westerns.

Left to cherish his memory are wife of 57 years, Dale Gardner Richey; sons, Clark and Clay; grandsons Gardner, Gabe, Reggie, Maddux, Rob and Walker; granddaughters Kate, Lee-Anna, and Rylee.

I am grateful for Mr. Richey's legacy and the positive impact he had on countless young athletes. I offer my most sincere condolences to those who had the opportunity to know and love him.

CONGRATULATING THE
ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING
1ST PLACE IN THE IHSA CLASS B
MUSIC SWEEPSTAKES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rockridge High School Chorus Department for taking 1st place in the IHSA Class B Music Sweepstakes.

The IHSA Music Sweepstakes is an annual competition that judges solo and ensemble performances based on tone, technique, performance, creativity and other metrics. The exceptional performances secured Rockridge's sixth State Championship in the last ten years. It gives me great pleasure to see these students thriving both in school and with their peers despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of talented and determined individuals such as these students that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rockridge High School Chorus Department on being named Class B State Champions. I commend their hard work and perseverance, and I am very proud to be their Representative.

**RECOGNIZING EDUARDO A. GARZA
ROBLES**

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eduardo A. Garza Robles for winning the Laredo Chamber of Commerce's Businessperson of the Year award. Mr. Garza has demonstrated the utmost dedication to his community through his many years as a customs broker.

Mr. Garza began his career as a customs broker in 1987 after working his way to the title of general manager of a customs broker firm. Shortly after obtaining his license as a Mexican customs broker, he founded his own customs agency in 1988. His company, Uni-Trade Group, has developed into a significant institution in international trade, especially in the United States and Mexico. Uni-Trade Group has over 15 offices internationally and its global presence through its alliances and partnerships has allowed it to cover 50 countries.

Along with owning and operating a successful Mexican customs agency, Mr. Garza diversified his business in other industries and consolidated them as a 3PL company, offering services such as transportation, logistics, bonded warehouses, and free trade zones. He used his expertise and knowledge from operating Uni-Trade Group to expand to other industries such as oil and gas, commercial and residential real estate development, insurance, and graphic design, creating many job opportunities for the people of his community. Between 2003 and 2013, Mr. Garza served three year-long terms as Vice-President and Secretary of the Association of the Customs Brokers Association of Guadalajara, Jalisco.

Mr. Garza has been a true leader and influential figure in our community. In 2017, his company Uni-Trade Group hosted the NAFTA Roundtable Discussion to discuss the significance of NAFTA, now the USMCA. This event brought together local private sector leaders, directors of public institutions, as well as Texas lawmakers like me and Senator JOHN CORNYN. He has also been a prominent member of the Catholic Church in Laredo, Texas.

Eduardo has been a friend throughout the years, and we have partnered on numerous occasions to better improve binational trade. Eduardo, I congratulate you for winning this award, and I wish you, your wife Juantia, your six children and seven grandchildren many more years of prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. NAVAL
ACADEMY CLASS OF 1970

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 1970 on the fiftieth reunion that it celebrated over the past year. It has been an honor to support the U.S. Naval Academy as the Representative from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District and to nominate outstanding candidates for admission each year from our communities. With the Academy located in our neighboring district, bright and talented students from Fifth District high schools have long been drawn to Annapolis for the next step in their education and service to country and community. The Naval Academy has a proud history of developing excellence in education and shaping the character of its past and present graduates, and it continues to train future leaders of the Navy and of our country. The Class of 1970 exemplifies the high-quality standards of the Academy and of the Navy, and I know that many of its alumni had been looking forward to celebrating its fiftieth reunion in 2020. Because of the pandemic, however, they could not gather in person last year; thankfully, they are planning to convene this Labor Day weekend.

The U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 began its journey as midshipmen in 1966, during the height of the Vietnam War. They stepped up, knowing that after graduation many would be sent into combat as Navy and Marine Corps officers. That it was such a challenging time for our nation and for our military did not deter them; instead, it made them more determined to graduate with honor and serve with distinction.

From their graduation day onward, this class has set a very high standard, with impressive accomplishments and careers. Members of this class fought valiantly in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and other conflicts over the past half-century. They served in the air, on land, at sea, and beneath the sea. Members of this class have served at the very highest level of our military, including twenty-seven flag officers—one of whom was Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The class includes six who were appointed as deputy assistant secretaries or above in the federal government. Members have served their local communities as elected officials, and the class also boasts

chief executive officers for major corporations, many of which we are all very familiar—such as Pepsico, General Motors, and Amgen. The class also produced a Member of this House, former Rep. Ronald Machtley, and a Member of Congress in the Philippines who later served that country as its National Security Advisor. The Class of 1970 also produced five Academy Distinguished Graduates, tied for the most from any single graduating class.

The U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 exemplifies the Navy ethos of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment." These values have defined its graduates' contributions to our country and their dedication to public service. Like many others before and who have followed, they sacrificed through long deployments, separation from loved ones, challenging trials, and tests that most Americans cannot fathom. Some even sacrificed their lives carrying out their missions. I know that new generations of midshipmen and future Navy and Marine Corps officers will be inspired by the rich heritage of service passed down to them by the Class of 1970.

As the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970 gathers to mark fifty-one years of service to our nation and to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and Naval Academy, it is with great pride and pleasure that I offer my congratulations and my thanks for their contributions to the safety and well-being of our country. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing continued fair winds and following seas to the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970.

HONORING DUVAL COUNTY JUDGE
GILBERTO URESTI

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Duval County Judge, Gilberto Uresti, for his service to Duval County and South Texas.

Judge Uresti was born on March 12, 1935, in Kingsville, Texas, to Elijo Uresti and Maria Muñoz. He grew up in Benavides, Texas and graduated from Benavides High School as the Salutatorian in 1954. After high school, Judge Uresti obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. Upon graduation, Judge Uresti moved back to Benavides and worked at DeLeon Pharmacy for over forty years, eventually becoming part owner. During this time Judge Uresti married Maria Olga Carrillo, his high school sweetheart, and had four children: Aaron Rene, Belinda Marie, Patricia Annette, and Gilbert Mario.

Judge Uresti was appointed to serve as the Duval County Judge on October 31, 1975, by the judge of the 197th District Court, Judge Darrell Hester. During his tenure as County Judge, Judge Uresti focused on tackling the rampant corruption in Duval County which had bankrupt the local government. His efforts to improve the county's stature and financial standing earned Uresti three terms as Duval County Judge, from October 31, 1975 to December 31, 1986, and from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1994.

Judge Uresti gained recognition not only from his peers throughout South Texas, but

from the National Association of Counties. His dedication to his community and conviction to follow through on commitments made him one of the most influential figures in South Texas. During and following his appointment, Duval County saw the creation of community centers, new parks, nutritional services for the elderly, housing rehabilitation programs, and a Youth Conservation Corps. Under Judge Uresti's leadership, Duval County was eventually voted Top County in the Nation by the National Association of Counties.

In addition to his accomplishments as a County Judge, he also served as Chairman of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, a member of the Governor's Regional Review Committee, Chairman of the Community Action Council of South Texas, and a member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

Madam Speaker, Judge Uresti is an incredible leader and unwavering commitment to South Texans who will be remembered for generations to come. He is a man of his word, intelligent and disciplined, who treated people with respect and took responsibility. I stand here today to thank Judge Uresti for his contributions to Duval County and all of South Texas.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE
ISRAEL-GAZA CEASEFIRE

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding the cease-fire brokered between Israel and Gaza earlier this year after 11 days of attacks against Israel. I include in the RECORD the following article, "Let This Be the Last Israel-Gaza Ceasefire" published by CNN on May 25, 2021, written by Ambassador Motaz Zahran.

[From CNN, May 24, 2021]

LET THIS BE THE LAST ISRAEL-GAZA
CEASEFIRE

(By Ambassador Motaz Zahran)

Egypt worked around the clock over the past two weeks to end the deadly fighting between our Palestinian and Israeli neighbors. Since the early hours of the conflict, Egyptian mediators led de-escalation talks with both Hamas and Israeli leadership. We supported humanitarian efforts on the ground, including by opening the Rafah border crossing for the provision of immediate medical care to the injured in Gaza. Ultimately, in close partnership with the United States and others, we were able to broker a ceasefire.

On Thursday, President Joe Biden called Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi reiterated the vital role mutual coordination between the US and Egypt can have in the region. Egypt will spare no resource in bringing about peace in there, whenever violence erupts. This was true during the 2014 war, when we were instrumental in forging a truce. It was true during the conflict this May. And it will be true at any point in the future.

However, we will also never accept the notion that this cycle of bloodshed is inevitable. That is why we refuse to let this issue recede in international priorities—as it has in the past—until the next crisis emerges and imposes.

Building a lasting solution must start now. Egypt is ready to do everything to help negotiate a lasting peace to the core conflict in

the Middle East. We are calling on the US to work with us to restart that process immediately.

Egypt's historic role in planting the seeds of peace, our substantive contributions toward a Middle East peace plan, our proximity to the conflict, and the direct ramifications of belligerency to our nation, all make Egypt singularly positioned to help restart negotiations toward a two-state solution between Palestinians and Israelis—and with the full span of their rights upheld; prime amongst them is statehood to the Palestinians and security to the Israelis. But we need sustained international efforts.

Working together, Egypt and the US can broker an honest and open dialogue with Israel on concrete steps it should take to work towards peace, such as refraining from taking any further steps detrimental to the wellbeing of the population and the status of the city of Jerusalem, which was occupied by Israel since the 1967 War.

In turn, Cairo and Washington must impress on Palestinians the need to work for peace. While having the militants lay down their arms for good might seem a long way off, stopping further attacks is essential to move forward. Those factions rejecting peace efforts and seeking instability, whatever their name or affiliation is, have to be contained, including by undermining their international network of support and finance. After all, armed attacks and military operations, whatever their cause is, never serve the path towards peace and only sets back the ultimate objective of a two-state solution.

We must work to uphold and enable the Palestinian National Authority. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, has a crucial role in furthering any future peace negotiations. His role as a national leader has been overshadowed by Hamas' recent conflict with Israel, yet he has all the credentials and willingness to return to the table for serious and meaningful discussions. Elevating Abbas in the eyes of the world will bring him back into his historic role as chief negotiator for the Palestinian people; after all, no one on the Palestinian side has worked more on the vision of a two state solution than President Abbas.

A strong and lasting peace in the Middle East may seem far off given the recent heightened tensions in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and Gaza, but that should still be the goal for the US, Egypt and, most importantly, Israelis and the Palestinians.

We must continue to march forward toward peace, or we risk continuing to suffer with this vicious cycle of despair and bloodshed.

The continued partnership between Egypt and the United States in peace efforts is a crucial cornerstone to achieving peace in the Middle East. It is indeed no coincidence that the latest ceasefire was declared mere hours after President Biden called President Al-Sisi. When it comes to giving peace a chance in the Middle East, Washington and Cairo must continue to work together as peace-makers and arbiters.

HONORING MERCADO ON FIFTH FOR WINNING THE 2020 GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN PROJECT AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mercado on Fifth for its effort in aid-

ing small businesses and fostering cultural pride in the Quad Cities. The organization received the 2020 Governor's Hometown Project Award for the incredible work they have done in the community.

Every Friday evening, Mercado on Fifth hosts market events where families come from all around the Quad Cities to enjoy Latin food, music and art. These inclusive events bring neighbors together to celebrate culture and community in the Quad Cities. Additionally, Mercado has served as a resource for aspiring entrepreneurs by offering free small business workshops in partnership with the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Western Illinois University. These events also host several nonprofit organizations that have provided educational and outreach materials to local families. I want to thank and honor Mercado on Fifth for their commitment to bringing people together and for their continued service to the Moline community.

It is because of community organizations like Mercado on Fifth that make me proud to represent Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Mercado on Fifth for being awarded the 2020 Governor's Hometown Project Award for their efforts in the community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. RUSSELL YOUNG

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mr. Russell Young, who passed away on July 23, 2021.

Mr. Young was raised in the Brewer Community of Lee County and graduated from Shannon High School in 1954. From there, he attended Mississippi State University and served 10 years in the United States Air Force. Following his service, Mr. Young worked as a paper salesman till his retirement.

Mr. Young is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Young, his two daughters, his four grandchildren, and his 4 great-grandchildren. Along with his three sisters, his two brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Young was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo and will be dearly missed by all.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NEVADA

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 25th anniversary of Lutheran Social Services of Nevada (LSSN), who serves our southern Nevada community.

Throughout their 25 years of service, LSSN has provided help to more than 383,231 Las Vegans in need.

What began as humble means of helping the community in 1985, in the form of a food

pantry and clothing closet, LSSN has grown to an immense operation serving a multitude of southern Nevadans over the last 25 years that are low-income, at-risk of homelessness, homeless, families with or without children, youth, veterans, people with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Despite the uncertainty and unprecedented challenges of the last 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, LSSN found further ways to redouble their efforts to the community by distributing more than 770,596 pounds of food through their DigiMart Food Pantry to more than 62,840 people. This is nearly three times as many of Las Vegans they have served through the pantry prior to the pandemic. Additionally, LSSN provided rental assistance and rapid rehousing resources to 167 households in need. This allowed those families to remain or become sheltered in the midst of a pandemic ravaging our Las Vegas community and economy. Finally, LSSN served more than 7,960 hot and well-balanced meals to seniors, while also teaching nutrition education and physical activity through Zoom and other remote means.

It was my honor to visit and tour the LSSN DigiMart Food Pantry in May 2021, as they unveiled an expansion of the facility from 750 square feet to 3,058 square feet. LSSN projects that this will allow them to serve an additional 5,000 families annually.

I am in awe of the way our Nevada entities and community have continually stepped up to serve through numerous crises, and that gratitude extends to LSSN. I look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success in the years to come, and I encourage everyone to join me in celebrating and honoring their 25th anniversary.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus and avid supporter of my district's vibrant Ukrainian-American community, with whom I join in proudly celebrating the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's independence.

Always, but on this day especially, it is vitally important that the United States maintains its robust support for Ukraine's security, territorial integrity, and democratic future. I will continue to advocate for this support in Congress as I did earlier this year when I partnered with the bipartisan chairs of the Ukraine Caucus to urge appropriators to allocate robust funding for Ukraine as they crafted our annual spending bill. This necessary funding will help support Ukraine's democratic progress, counter Russian aggression, fight corruption and more. I will continue to work closely with my Ukrainian-American neighbors in Michigan's Ninth District to tackle these issues and others impacting Ukraine as both a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and as their representative in Washington.

It is truly an honor to celebrate this milestone in Ukraine's history with my Ukrainian-

American constituents. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Ukrainian-Americans in Michigan's Ninth District and throughout the United States, as well as our friends in Ukraine, a joyous Independence Day.

ENSURING COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN ADDRESSING CYBERSECURITY THREATS TO THE ENERGY SECTOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, while I agree with my colleagues about the importance of securing our Nation's energy infrastructure, I am concerned that—as currently written—H.R. 2931, H.R. 2928, and H.R. 3119 may weaken the core tenets of the U.S. Government's framework for protecting critical infrastructure.

That framework is currently laid out in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21) and has been reinforced in numerous Federal policies and statutes enacted since 9/11. It has been embraced by Republican and Democratic administrations alike and by Congress. Earlier this year, Congress strongly reaffirmed its commitment to the PPD-21 framework in the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

PPD-21 designates the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the lead Federal agency responsible for coordinating Federal efforts to secure critical infrastructure across all 16 sectors—while working hand-in-hand with Sector Risk Management Agencies (SRMAs).

I support enhancing the Department of Energy (DOE)'s capacity, as the SRMA for the energy sector, to engage with the sector as a liaison, trusted partner, and valuable source of sector-specific expertise.

That said, it is important that legislation authorizing such activity acknowledge the role that DHS, through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), plays as the Nation's risk advisor and Federal civilian interface for private sector engagement and collaboration.

Congress has often reiterated that it expects CISA to use its authorities and cross-sector convening power to maintain a bird's eye view of threats across sectors—taking threat intelligence from one sector and integrating it into a broader threat context to help other owners and operators protect themselves.

But CISA can only do this if its SRMA partners work with it in a collaborative way that complements—rather than duplicates—the tools, services, resources CISA brings in support of these broader efforts.

Herein lies the issue with H.R. 2931, H.R. 2928, and H.R. 3119: the measures, as drafted, would authorize DOE to carry out responsibilities and develop capabilities that overlap with or duplicate those already housed within CISA, and there is no directive for DOE to do so in coordination with DHS.

There are several problems that could arise from this lack of coordination.

First, it runs the risk of creating a siloed, stovepiped approach to managing information

about threats to the energy sector—a critically important, lifeline sector that has been under sustained attack for decades.

Congress has worked to break down these siloes since 9/11, which is why DHS was tasked as a “central hub” for critical infrastructure in the first place.

Second, having multiple Federal agencies carry out overlapping roles and responsibilities creates confusion among private sector stakeholders, who are not sure who to call during a crisis, or who to partner with during steady state.

This duplication also means that the Federal Government is forced to spread an already thin supply of cybersecurity experts and resources even thinner.

Finally, cybersecurity is rarely—if ever—a sector-specific problem.

Critical infrastructure is interconnected, and technologies used in one sector are often deployed throughout others, as are the vulnerabilities embedded in those technologies. Adversaries can use the distributed nature of these vulnerabilities to exploit owners and operators across industry lines, at scale.

Take, for instance, the recent SolarWinds campaign. Russian intelligence agencies were able to corrupt a software update deployed across the public and private sectors, then use it as a foothold to infiltrate an equally ubiquitous set of Microsoft tools and products to seize an untold amount of sensitive information.

Hostile foreign nations like China and Russia do not organize cyber operations one sector at a time. They wage simultaneous, parallel campaigns designed to yield the highest possible reward at the lowest possible cost.

It is not uncommon for attacks on the energy sector to coincide with, or foreshadow, similar attacks on other sectors. In 2018, DHS and the FBI warned about a “multi-stage intrusion campaign” by Russia that targeted “U.S. government entities, as well as organizations in the energy, nuclear, commercial facilities, water, aviation, and critical manufacturing sectors.”

While cyberattacks against the energy sector have accelerated, the sector does not exist in a vacuum.

Though I am concerned about the possibility that these challenges may arise, it is not a foregone conclusion that they will. If DOE collaborates with CISA to forge a more productive and effective partnership, I believe many of these challenges can be overcome.

Last year, I came to the floor to ask the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee to confirm his intent that the activities authorized by this legislation be carried out in coordination with DHS. He responded it was “absolutely” his intent that these bills be carried out with DHS “first and foremost.”

I also asked for clarification that these bills do not detract from, erode, or infringe upon any existing authorities or policies laid out in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Act of 2018, PPD-41, Executive Order 13636, or Executive Order 13691. He responded that “nothing in these bills is intended to infringe, curtail, or otherwise affect authorities of [DHS] . . . in any way, shape, or form.”

I would like to reiterate these commitments from one year ago, and I look forward to working with the Committee on Energy and Commerce to conduct vigorous oversight to ensure

that DOE is coordinating with DHS in a manner that reflects congressional intent.

CONGRATULATING REGINALD “REG” POHLMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reginald “Reg” Pohlman on his retirement as a Police Officer from the Carrollton Police Department.

Reg joined the Carrollton Police Department on January 7, 1991 and dedicated over 30 years in service to the Carrollton community first as a police officer, before being promoted to Assistant Chief. Reg received both the distinguished Medal of Honor and Officer of the Year award during his time at the police department. Reg spent much of his time announcing, coaching and serving as an outstanding community advocate. He enjoys coaching and said it “keeps him young.” He served as an assistant coach to his brother, Greg Pohlman, for high school sports, including baseball. Reg has always been generous with his time and when the community needed something, he was always willing to help. I want to thank Reg for his dedication to his community and as a former athlete, I appreciate his kindness and generosity.

It is because of leaders such as Reginald “Reg” Pohlman that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Reg Pohlman on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DOUGLAS LUKE REED

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Luke Reed who passed away on August 4, 2021. He was born in Starkville November 5, 2007 to Gina Dedeaux Reed and Tommy Reed. This year he would have begun the 8th grade at Oak Hill Academy.

Luke was known for his compassion and heart for service. He gave often to those in need and understood, even at his age, the importance of giving. He loved motor cross and mechanics. His grandfather taught him about airplanes and he enjoyed flying.

Left to cherish his memory are Luke's parents Tommy and Gina; brother Thomas Lane; grandmother Glenda; and grandparents Joe and Mitzi.

Luke was an incredible young man who had an incredible impact on his community. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

REMEMBERING MARSHA MILLER
BURDMAN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marsha Miller Burdman, of Vienna, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the age of 83.

Marsha was born September 7, 1937, to Sally and Frank Miller in Toronto, Ohio. She grew up in Pittsburgh and, although she was an only child, she was blessed by the presence of 32 loving aunts and uncles and numerous cousins.

Marsha graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School in Squirrel Hill in 1955 and the University of Pittsburgh in 1959, where she received her degree in education. She became a first-grade teacher at Forrest Hills Elementary School in Pittsburgh upon her graduation from Pitt.

In 1960, after being fixed up on a blind date through a mutual friend, she met the love of her life, Kenneth Burdman of Youngstown. Following a short courtship, they were married November 13 of the same year.

Marsha continued teaching first-graders in the Youngstown area in both the Hubbard and Austintown school districts for several years until she and Ken started their family in 1963. They raised four children and remained happily married for 34 years until Kenny's passing in 1995.

A voracious reader, Marsha also enjoyed traveling the world with her closest friends, cousins and other family members, as well as playing canasta, knitting and needlepointing; however, her most treasured moments were the countless memories from the regular family visits and vacations with her four loving children, their spouses and 12 grandchildren who affectionately called her Mimi.

A true woman of valor, Marsha had a tremendous character and a calming presence, and was loved and admired by all who knew her. Her close circle of friends was endless and she was also an aunt and Mimi to many children and grandchildren of good friends who were like family.

Marsha is survived by her son, Lee (Bonnie) of Canfield; daughters, Heidi (Robert) Bardach of Cincinnati, Stacey (Richard) Eastern of Seattle, Wash., and Janie Cowell of San Diego; and her 12 grandchildren, Corey, Taylor and Lexi Burdman, Ryan, Alyssa (fiance Max Fader) and Kelsey Bardach, Joshua, Emily and Zachary Eastern, and Samantha, Dillon and Brandon Cowell.

I am so very lucky to have developed profound relationships with Marsha's son, Lee, and daughter-in-law, Bonnie. Both were instrumental leaders on so many important issues facing my Congressional District and the Jewish community of the Mahoning Valley. My deepest condolences go out to Marsha's family and to all whose lives she so deeply touched.

HONORING BRIGHAM HOEGH AND
ERIN LAIN AS IOWANS OF THE
WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain, founders of Corn 4 a Cause, as our Iowans of the Week.

If you are from Iowa, have heard about Iowa, or have traveled through Iowa, you know that corn is not just part of our beautiful scenery, it's also part of our heritage and culture. This cherished crop symbolizes and fosters work, livelihoods, and communities across our great state. Even though Iowa has a rich agricultural industry producing bountiful crops like corn, many families here still struggle with access to fresh produce to put on their dinner tables. That's why Brigham and Erin have come in to help.

Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain founded Corn 4 a Cause roughly four years ago after Brigham had a surplus of sweetcorn. She teamed up with Erin to start their nonprofit organization that aims to address the issue of fresh produce access in communities around Iowa.

Brigham's family farm is in Cass County, Iowa, just north of Atlantic. Each year since Brigham and Erin started Corn 4 a Cause, they have planted, grown, and harvested sweetcorn to sell and donate across western Iowa. What's amazing about their work is that for every dozen ears of corn purchased, another dozen ears are donated to different food pantries and other nonprofits aiming to provide fresh produce to those without consistent access to it. This arrangement allows for those who are purchasing the corn to gain valuable, eye-opening insight into food insecurity in their own communities. Not only do people get a sense of how prevalent the issue is, but they're also able to help immediately by purchasing a dozen ears of corn that will be matched by Corn 4 a Cause's donation to local families.

One acre of sweetcorn yields roughly 15,000 ears of corn. Brigham and Erin have planted two acres of sweetcorn this year, which provides roughly 30,000 ears of corn to be sold and donated.

Corn 4 a Cause started out serving communities and pantries primarily in western Iowa. However, Brigham and Erin quickly found more demand for their yields in other areas of the state and were harvesting so much sweetcorn that they needed to start getting more pantries and nonprofits involved. With more corn to go around, they have started expanding their donations to central Iowa.

Brigham and Erin focused on delivering fresh produce to those who need it. They are passionate about making fresh, Iowa-grown food accessible to more families in a socially conscious way. They state their values as: "Full bellies. Summer fun. Local food. Equity first." Corn 4 a Cause partners with organizations that serve communities of color to cultivate a more equitable food system, and a

more equitable society. Brigham and Erin also encourage anyone who loves to plant their own produce to plant some extra so it can be donated to food pantries and other nonprofits fighting to eliminate food insecurity in Iowa and America.

Reliable and equitable access to food, let alone fresh, healthy produce, is a major issue across our country and in our own backyard. Organizations like Corn 4 a Cause and individuals like Brigham and Erin are tackling these problems head-on at the ground level to make a difference for their neighbors. Because of their dedication and hard work, it is my honor to name Brigham Hoegh and Erin Lain of Corn 4 a Cause as our Iowans of the Week.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DR.
MAXWELL SCARLETT**

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the legacy of Dr. Maxwell Scarlett—the first Black graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and a Fort Worth physician who specialized in emergency medicine.

Dr. Scarlett grew up in Fort Worth's historic Stop Six neighborhood surrounded by a family of educators. His mother was a teacher, as were both of her grandparents. So, while growing up, Dr. Scarlett always knew that he would attend college. But what he didn't know was that his graduation would break racial barriers.

He initially enrolled at the University of North Texas (known then as North Texas State), and almost instantly began to break barriers. He was one of the first three African American men to live in a dorm there. Then, he integrated the school's biology honor society and later became the first Black student to grade papers and teach in the school's Science Department.

Dr. Scarlett transferred to UTA his senior year—three years after the school first integrated. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1966. Looking around at his graduation ceremony, he wondered if he was the only Black graduate that year. In fact, he was the first Black graduate in UTA's entire history, a fact he did not learn until 1997—about 30 years after his graduation.

After graduating, Dr. Scarlett enrolled in medical school at Howard University. He later returned to Fort Worth to start his medical practice because he noticed there was a need for doctors back home. He even continued seeing emergency medicine patients after retiring from his Fort Worth practice in 2014.

Dr. Scarlett never set out to break barriers, but through his hard work and dedication, he did just that. He helped open doors for so many young African Americans, and many others who faced exclusion. Today, we honor his legacy, and may we continue to follow his lead in creating a more equal America.

HONORING THE TBK QUAD CITIES
MARATHON FOR WINNING THE
2020 GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN
PROJECT AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the TBK Quad Cities Marathon for bringing together thousands of athletes, volunteers and speculators to the Moline region. The event was selected as a winner of the 2020 Governor's Hometown Project Award for the positive impact it had in the community.

The TBK Quad Cities Marathon, a USATF certified course and great Boston Marathon qualifier, offers some of the most beautiful views of the Mississippi River. The 26.2 mile run covers four cities and two states in the Quad Cities region. Run by more than 1,400 volunteers, it is a weekend full of activities that celebrates the accomplishments of these dedicated runners. I applaud the TBK Quad Cities Marathon for their philanthropic work and showcasing the very best of the Moline community.

I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District with community leaders like TBK Quad Cities Marathon. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor the TBK Quad Cities Marathon for their contributions to the community and to congratulate them for receiving the 2020 Governor's Hometown Project Award.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
TUPELO POLICE CHIEF BART
AGUIRRE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Tupelo Police Chief Bart Aguirre.

Chief Aguirre has devoted himself to the city of Tupelo, faithfully serving and protecting the citizens for 36 years. Chief Aguirre answered the call to serve as a member of law enforcement by first attending the University of Mississippi where he earned a bachelor's degree in Legal Systems Administration. Later, Chief Aguirre earned a master's degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama.

Prior to becoming a Tupelo Police Officer, Chief Aguirre aspired to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a forensics expert, specializing in firearms. In 1985, TPD Chief Ed Crider hired Chief Aguirre to serve in the Patrol Division. Chief Aguirre said he fell in love with TPD and the rest is history.

During his successful career, Chief Aguirre worked his way up from a patrolman to the Chief of Detectives. In 2013, he was named the Chief of Police by Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton.

During his career with the TPD, Chief Aguirre served on an F-B-I task force, carrying out a 4-year mission titled, "Operation Secondhand Smoke." Chief Aguirre and his fellow task force members uncovered a scheme to transport stolen tobacco products

across state lines. Their investigative work led to the multiple arrests and to the seizure of property. The seized land is where the new \$10-million-dollar Tupelo Police Department was built. Chief Aguirre is proud of the instrumental role he played on the task force and the ultimate result of their hard work—a new police department.

Chief Aguirre is the son of Conrado and Joan Aguirre. The family of five moved to Tupelo in 1962. His father worked as a salesman for a meat processing company that sold products to restaurants and supermarkets. Conrado was the owner of a popular restaurant called the Gaslight Inn. Later, he opened another restaurant called Gloster 205. Chief Aguirre grew up working in the restaurants while contemplating a future career in law enforcement.

In 1997, Chief Aguirre married his wife, Patty. They have three children: Shane Aguirre; Jonathan Aguirre (Kirsten); and Ariel Aguirre-Waldrop (Brent). They have five grandchildren: Gryder Aguirre; Grant Aguirre; Brooks Waldrop; Beyla Waldrop; and Baron Waldrop.

Upon retirement, Chief Aguirre said he and his wife plan to spend more time with their children and grandchildren and travel.

We wish Chief Aguirre and his family many more happy years together. We are grateful for the impact of men like Chief Aguirre. I commend him for his devotion to family, the citizens of Tupelo, and to our great Nation.

HONORING MAJOR HARVEY
HARRELL STORMS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I rise today to recognize Major Harvey Harrell Storms of McAllen, Texas, who sacrificed his life in the Korean War.

Major Storms was born in McAllen, Texas and was a proud member of the Texas A&M University Class of 1939. After receiving a bachelor's degree in agriculture, he enlisted in the United States Army where he fought valiantly in World War II, earning the World War II Victory Medal.

After Major Storms' tour during World War II, he re-enlisted for the Korean War. There, he was a member of the Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division.

In November of 1950, Major Storms and his Company fought at the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, a decisive but brutal battle marked by harsh icy conditions. Throughout the battle, Chinese soldiers had Major Storms and his soldiers pinned down. In an attempt to help them, Major Storms led an attack up Hill 1221. During this act of bravery, Major Storms was shot in the crossfire, reported missing in action on December 1, 1950, and declared dead on December 31, 2021.

Major Storms, a loving husband and father of four, made the ultimate sacrifice to help free his fellow soldiers. Major Storms was decorated with the Silver Star and Purple Heart honors for his leadership and valor. Unfortunately, his remains were not recovered for

over 70 years, until in 2018, when North Korea turned over 55 boxes of American service members' remains at the summit between former President Donald Trump and North Korean Leader Kim Jong-Un. It was then that Harvey Storms was finally returned home.

On Friday, July 16, 2021, Major Storms was interred at the Arlington National Cemetery, and a rosette was placed next to his name on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii, indicating that he had been accounted for.

Madam Speaker, I want to honor the memory of Major Harvey Harrel Storms, and thank him for his service and sacrifice. He was an honorable, noble, accomplished, and impressive soldier, one that our nation is so grateful for. As an American and Texan, I am touched by the actions he took to protect our country. I know that his legacy will inspire future generations to honorably serve their fellow man.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO GERD
NEGOTIATIONS

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the negotiations regarding the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. I include in the RECORD the article, "Only Washington Can Save the Renaissance Dam Negotiations Now," written by Ambassador Motaz Zahran, published on April 29, 2021.

[From Foreign Policy]

ONLY WASHINGTON CAN SAVE THE
RENAISSANCE DAM NEGOTIATIONS NOW

(By Motaz Zahran, Ambassador of Egypt to the United States)

In early April, Ethiopia thwarted yet another mediation process, this time led by the African Union, to resolve an escalating crisis on the Nile—where Ethiopia is building the massive Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), which would disrupt a primary source of water for Egypt and Sudan. The negotiations represented what the Egyptian foreign ministry called Ethiopia's "last chance" at a resolution to the dispute, which has been ongoing for 10 years.

With Ethiopia edging closer to unilaterally filling the dam's reservoir for a second time—and thus crossing the "red line" set by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi—it may be up to the United States to help broker a peaceful solution and prevent unrest in the region, which forces of extremism and terrorism would undoubtedly look to exploit.

The Biden administration, which is currently mulling over the best policy for managing this situation, must act now. At stake is the future of the Nile, a lifeline for millions of Egyptians and Sudanese. In 2011, without consulting either of its neighbors downstream, Ethiopia began constructing a 509-foot-tall concrete dam—large enough for a reservoir that can store twice as much water as Lake Mead, the largest artificial reservoir in the United States—on the Blue Nile, a vital upstream portion of the Nile River. If unilaterally filled and operated, the GERD could inflict incalculable socioeconomic and environmental harm downstream in Egypt and Sudan. Last year, flouting a 2015 treaty, Ethiopia started an initial filling of the dam.

Now, balking at calls for an equitable resolution and consistent with its established policy of unilaterally exploiting of international rivers, Ethiopia is vowing to press ahead with a second substantial phase of reservoir filling this summer.

The threat the GERD poses is not hypothetical but real. Choking off an essential supply of water would exponentially increase the dangers posed by climate change in the region. As one of the most arid countries in the world, with less than one-sixteenth the amount of rainfall as Ethiopia, Egypt is already facing severe water shortages, largely because of rising temperatures and rising sea levels. In fact, Egyptians are currently living around 50 percent below the water-poverty line, and with very little annual rainfall, the country is almost entirely dependent on the Nile for renewable water. To manage such conditions, Egypt has adopted a nationwide system of reusing water several times for agriculture, achieving one of the world's highest overall irrigation system efficiencies.

Despite Ethiopia's claims that hydropower projects will cause no harm, the unilateral filling and operation of Ethiopia's dam would quickly make matters far worse for both Egypt and Sudan, causing serious environmental and socioeconomic damage, potentially forcing droves of families from their homes.

Further, the GERD would also have deleterious effects on Egypt's Aswan High Dam, a multipurpose dam, which is the biggest source of renewable energy in Egypt and is indispensable in securing the water needs of Egypt and Sudan. The United Nations notes that every 2 percent drop in available water impacts 1 million people.

An impact study, conducted by the reputable Dutch firm Deltares, found that unilateral filling of the GERD could lead to a water shortage in Egypt of more than 123 billion cubic meters, and that in the agricultural sector alone, every 1 billion cubic meter shortage of water caused by unilateral filling or operation of the GERD, would result in forcing 290,000 people out of work, destroying more than 321,230 acres of cultivated land, an increase of \$150 million in food imports, and a loss of \$430 million of agricultural production.

The threat the GERD poses is not hypothetical but real. Right now, another dam built by Ethiopia is causing enormous harm in Kenya. The fallout is so severe that UNESCO warned of the extinction of Lake Turkana in Kenya. There has also been reporting and research on other Ethiopian unilateral actions, including in the Juba and Shabelle basin, without prior consultation with Somalia, and their significant negative impact on water access and security in Somalia.

The social and economic instability triggered by such unilateral policies could generate greater unrest in the region. And Ethiopia is stoking the flames by villainizing Sudan and Egypt by pushing the misleading populist narrative that attempts to characterize any and all concerns about the GERD as being rooted in colonialism, claiming that its downstream neighbors are against Ethiopia's development and are trying to impose upon Ethiopia "colonial treaties."

The situation as it stands today was entirely avoidable. This mischaracterization is designed to allow Ethiopia to divert attention from its actual international legal obligations toward its downstream neighbors, which include several international treaties that Ethiopia signed—all, with no single exception, as a sovereign independent state—including in 1902, 1993, and 2015. These treaties served and continue to serve Ethiopia's national interests, including, for example, in relation to its borders. Nonetheless, while

Ethiopia has reaped the benefits from signing these treaties, it repeatedly attempted to shirk its obligations related to the Nile River under the very same treaties.

The situation as it stands today was entirely avoidable. A viable solution has been on the table. In 2019, following a decade of adamantly rejecting any kind of agreement, much less the participation of any mediators or observers, Ethiopia finally accepted the participation and input of Washington and the World Bank in the process. The three countries were on the verge of signing an equitable agreement, a compromise deal inspired by the successful model of cooperation governing the Senegal River Basin. But at the eleventh hour, Ethiopia abruptly backed out and claimed that the proposed agreement deprived Ethiopia from its right to generate electricity efficiently from the GERD or undergo future projects, and that it tried to impose water shares to which Ethiopia does not subscribe.

Contrary to Ethiopian claims, this compromise deal assured Ethiopia that it will generate hydropower from the GERD sustainably at optimum levels, in all hydrological conditions, while protecting the downstream countries from ravaging droughts. It unambiguously stipulated that it is not a water-allocation agreement, clearly recognized Ethiopia's right to undertake future projects on the Blue Nile in accordance with applicable international law, and allowed the parties to revisit the agreement in 10 years.

Today, one year later, negotiations are still faltering under the auspices of the African Union, and Ethiopia's statements have now disclosed the actual reason it abandoned the Washington talks: Ethiopia rejects any legally binding agreement on the rules of filling and operation of its new dam, demanding a framework of nonbinding guidelines that it could alter at its whim. This is in contradiction with the 2015 Agreement on Declaration of Principles among the three countries.

Even though Ethiopia's political statements speak to its commitment to the African Union-led mediation process, invoking the shared principle "African solutions for African problems," Ethiopia's actions clearly undermine, in effect, the role of the African Union. This has been evidenced by Ethiopia's categorical rejection, in the most recent meeting in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in April, of multiple joint proposals from Sudan and Egypt to empower the African Union-led process. That's because Ethiopia prefers a nominal role for the chairperson at the African Union rather than an active role.

A new era of stability and shared economic prosperity is on the horizon in Africa and the Middle East, due in large part to the steady leadership of the United States. One example of the welcome changes sweeping through the region is the recent U.S.-brokered normalization agreements between Israel and a number of Arab states, which was reminiscent of Egypt's trailblazing treaty with Israel—also mediated by the United States—more than 40 years ago.

Through principled diplomacy, the Biden administration can reset the faltering negotiations. The United States has the leverage needed to successfully encourage Ethiopia to engage in good faith in the GERD negotiations and to refrain from unilateral actions and the pursuit of narrow self-interests, which have been detrimental to its neighbors' legitimate interests. Soliciting expertise from international partners, including the United Nations, the European Union, and the United States, in support of the African Union-led mediation process would be invaluable in bringing the negotiations to fru-

ition as soon as possible. This proposal would also ensure there's no room to falsely point fingers; it would not be feasible to challenge the impartiality of all these partners led by the chairperson of the African Union, the way Ethiopia did with U.S. President Donald Trump's administration after Ethiopia abandoned the U.S.-led mediation process last year.

History shows that progress along the Nile can be fragile, and a single dispute can have harmful ripple effects that destabilize the region and reach our allies in the West. Failing to resolve the rapidly escalating issue over the GERD would accelerate the already devastating impacts of climate change in the area, unleash a wave of illegal migration to the West, and open the door to new conflicts and even terrorism in the Middle East and East Africa.

Through principled diplomacy, the Biden administration can reset the faltering negotiations, bring about an equitable solution for all parties, and, in doing so, ultimately safeguard its strategic interests with three important regional allies.

HONORING V-J DAY

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 76th Anniversary of V-J Day on August 14th, 2021. I am forever grateful for the sacrifices of our service members.

Victory over Japan Day, V-J Day, marked the triumphant end of World War II. This day commemorates the announcement of Japan's surrender. This is an event that is important to the United States, the state of Oklahoma, and the veterans in our community.

For the past several years, Frank Reisinger has helped coordinate a remembrance event in Broken Arrow. This is a special occasion that allows our community to honor our veterans, especially those who served in World War II.

Frank, a veteran himself, can still recall witnessing the celebrations in downtown Tulsa 76 years ago. He was an 18-year-old standing in his dad's office overlooking the festivities in the streets below. It is this memory that inspires him to continue to remember this wonderful day in American History.

I am truly grateful for this event and the work of Frank Reisinger and the City of Broken Arrow to honor this day.

CONGRATULATING NATALIA MORENO FOR WINNING THE IHSA'S CLASS 1A TITLE IN THE 1600 METER RUN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Natalia Moreno, a senior from Winnebago High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A title in the 1600 meter run.

Natalia earned the state championship by 18 seconds, with a personal record time of 5:05:45. As a former student athlete, I admire

Natalia's hard work and determination. She is an excellent example of the importance of commitment and persistence. Natalia has represented Winnebago High School and her community exceptionally well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Natalia that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Natalia Moreno on her state championship, and I join the rest of the community in wishing her success in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE MUNICH 11

HON. MONDAIRE JONES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, in September 1972, during the Munich Olympic Games, the terrorist group Black September murdered 11 members of the Israeli Olympic Team. The victims became known as the Munich 11. Their names were David Berger, Ze'ev Friedman, Yoseff Gutfreund, Moshe Weinberg, Yoseff Romano, Mark Slavin, Eliezer Halfin, Yakov Springer, Andre Spitzer, Amitzur Shapira, and Kehat Shorr. They were athletes and coaches at the 1972 games. May their memory be a blessing.

The international community was deeply affected by the attack, and memorials have been placed around the world, from Rockland County, New York to Tel Aviv, Israel. The Jewish Community Center (JCC) Maccabi Games have included a memorial tribute to the Munich 11 at the opening ceremonies of every JCC Maccabi Games since 1995. When the JCC in Rockland County, located in my district, hosted the Maccabi Games in 2012, the Center decided to take up this cause.

JCC Rockland created an online petition calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to hold a minute of silence at the 2012 London Olympic Games, which was denied. But soon, the JCC began to find success. At the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, a memorial service in honor of the Munich 11 was held inside the Olympic Village. Further, the IOC established that a memorial service in their memory will be held at every future Olympic Games.

Starting with the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, Ankie Spitzer, the widow of fencing coach Andrei Spitzer, and Ilana Romano, the widow of weightlifter Yossef Romano, have gone to nearly every Olympic Summer Games. They have been leading the effort on behalf of the families to memorialize the Munich 11 at the opening ceremonies for the past 49 years.

After tireless advocacy from Ms. Spitzer, Ms. Romano, and JCC Rockland, the Munich 11 finally received a minute of silence during the opening ceremony of this year's Tokyo Olympic Games.

It is my hope that every future Olympic Games opening ceremony includes a moment of silence to commemorate the gravity of this tragic event for all Olympians and humankind. The Olympic Games serve to send a message of hope and peace through athletic competi-

tion, and reject and repudiate terrorism as antithetical to the Olympic spirit.

IN HONOR OF THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE'S COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the installation of a historical marker in the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church yard on August 1, 2021, which will memorialize the life and death of three American citizens who were lynched in 1908. This month my constituent, Ms. Joyce Salter Johnson, will travel with friends and family from Wisconsin to Mississippi to honor her relative, Frank Johnson, as one of those three men who were violently murdered in Hickory, Mississippi.

This historical marker is part of the important work being done by the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in honoring and memorializing lives lost to racial violence in America through its campaign, the Community Remembrance Project. Since its founding in 1989 by American lawyer and bestselling author Bryan Stevenson, EJI has fought to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenge racial and economic injustice, and protect basic human rights for the most vulnerable. EJI has become a critical institution dedicated to addressing the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation through its robust projects, museums, and memorials. In April 2018, EJI opened America's first national memorial dedicated to victims of racial terror in Montgomery, Alabama, inspired by the late Dr. James Cameron's Black Holocaust Museum, founded in my home state of Wisconsin.

EJI's Community Remembrance Project partners with community coalitions to do extensive research of documented victims of racial violence. Its sister project, the Community Soil Collection Project, gathers soil at lynching sites for display in powerful exhibits honoring these victims. Narrative historical markers are then built in public locations where racial terror took place.

My constituent, Joyce Salter Johnson, is a historian and author whose third book provides a thorough history of the Freedmen Settlement of Good Hope, Mississippi, where she lived until the age of 10. That is how she knew of the terrible sequence of events that led to the October 10, 1908 lynching of her relative, Mr. Frank Johnson, and two others, Dee Dawkins and William Fielder, prior to EJI's documentation. Because of her knowledge and adept research ability, she was perfectly suited to lead the coalition members working on the Community Remembrance Project for these men.

I commend the work of the Equal Justice Initiative and all those who help further the Community Remembrance Project's mission of confronting the legacy of slavery, lynching, and segregation to pave the way toward a better, more just future. I extend my heartfelt best wishes, thanks, and solidarity to Ms. Johnson and her family and friends on their journey of remembrance and memorial.

IN HONOR OF MRS. LINDA NELSON

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of my friend and a trusted former advisor, Mrs. Linda Nelson, Chairman of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce.

A native of New Jersey, Linda moved to the Houston, Texas area in 1980. She completed her undergraduate degree in Business at West Virginia Wesleyan College and went on to receive her Master's in Business Administration at Texas Women's University. In 1997, Linda moved to The Woodlands and began serving as a part-time volunteer coordinator at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center. Today, Linda serves as the Business Development and Regional Marketing Director for Memorial Hermann The Woodlands. She and her husband, Gordon, have been married for over 39 years and have three adult children living in the Houston and Austin areas.

Linda is not only a principled business leader, but she is an enthusiastic community leader as well. Her commitment to serving and leading in her community is evident through her involvement with Leadership Montgomery County (LMC), The Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Partnership. Nelson also spent time serving The Woodlands community as precinct chair. When she's not working for the committees she serves on or Memorial Hermann, Nelson can be found playing racquetball, golfing, fishing, or spending time with her family.

Linda has received many awards recognizing her for her dedicated community service, including: Hometown Hero Award, The Woodlands Area Chamber Citizen of the Year, LMC Distinguished Alumnus Award, IRONMAN Captain of the Year, The Woodlands Area Chamber Chairman's Award and the Montgomery County Women's Council on Organizations' Woman of Distinction. Linda is a role model and mentor to other women in her community. She continuously pulls up a seat to the table for the next generation of professional women, empowers them to give back to their communities and challenges them to grow in leadership in their workplaces.

After over two decades of selfless service to our community, I am pleased to join Linda's family and friends in thanking and congratulating her for her servant leadership through her time as Chairman of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRATULATING THE STOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING THE IHSA CLASS C MUSIC SWEEPSTAKES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Stockton High School Choral and Instrumental Music Department for taking 1st place in the IHSA Class C Music Sweepstakes.

The IHSA Music Sweepstakes is an annual competition that judges solo and ensemble performances based on tone, technique, performance, creativity and other metrics. The exceptional performance of the students secured Stockton's first Class C State Championship, having already won seven Class D Championships over the last ten years. It gives me great pleasure to see these students thriving in school and with their peers despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of driven and dedicated individuals such as these students that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Stockton High School Choral and Instrumental Music Department on being named Class C State Champions. I commend their hard work and perseverance, and I am very proud to be their Representative.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA
PROFFITT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Barbara Proffitt a happy 85th birthday.

Barbara is a key figure in the Hardin County community, who is known for her kindness to all she encounters.

Barbara devotes much of her time serving her community. She is the North Hardin High School boys' basketball team's biggest supporter and "team mom." With her father, brother, and husband all having served in the military, Barbara is well connected to the military community. She volunteers to pack food boxes for soldiers who are deployed and bakes her famous pecan pie for each change of command at Fort Knox. Barbara is affectionately known on post as "The Pie Lady."

For 30 years, Barbara also served the community through her role as the community/guest relations coordinator at Hardin Memorial Hospital, which is now called Baptist Health Hardin. In this role, she connected the community to the hospital through meetings, dinners, tours, parades, and special functions.

Barbara is a proud mother to Rhonda Hunter and Blake Proffitt, grandmother to three grandchildren, and great-grandmother to a great-grandchild. Happy Birthday Barbara and thanks for all that you do for the Hardin County community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
JOHN LOVORN JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mr. John Lovorn Jr., who passed away on July 28, 2021.

Mr. Lovorn was born in Jackson, MS and raised in Fairfax, VA. He attended Southern Miss and began his career in Greenwood, MS at the Chamber of Commerce. He then went on to be Vice President of JESCO and later joined PHH Fantus as vice president and principal. In 1993 he started his own successful consulting firm, The Pace Group. He was known to be a gifted public speaker, story teller, and author.

Mr. Lovorn is survived by his wife of 50 years, their two children and three grandchildren. He was a longtime, active member of First United Methodist Church and an avid supporter of various charities in the Tupelo community.

Mr. Lovorn's positive attitude and generous heart will be dearly missed.